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EXPENSES OF GENERAL INDIAN COUNCIL.

L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

RELATIVE TO

An appropriation to defray the expense of holding a general Indian council in the Indian Territory within the next fiscal year.

DECEMBER 19, 1872.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., December 19, 1872.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a communication from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated the 17th instant, inclosing an estimate of appropriation, amounting to \$14,000, required to defray the expense of holding a general Indian council in the Indian Territory within the next fiscal year, as provided for in the treaties concluded with the Cherokees, Creeks, Seminoles, and Choctaws and Chickasaws, in 1866.

The subject is laid before Congress with the recommendation that it receive the favorable consideration of that body.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

B. R. COWEN,
Acting Secretary.

The Honorable SPEAKER
of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., December 17, 1872.

SIR: By the 12th article of the treaty with the Cherokees, of July 19, 1866, (Stats., vol. 14, p. 802;) the 10th article treaty with Creeks, of June 14, 1866, (Stats., vol. 14, p. 788;) the 7th article treaty with Seminoles, of March 21, 1866, (Stats., vol. 14, p. 758;) and the 8th article treaty with Choctaws and Chickasaws, of April 28, 1866, (Stats., vol. 14, p. 772,) it

is provided that a general council, consisting of delegates from each tribe lawfully residing within the Indian Territory, shall be annually convened, with powers to legislate upon matters pertaining to the intercourse and relations with said tribes, &c.

To defray the expenses of holding this general council for next fiscal year, I have the honor herewith to submit an estimate for the sum of \$14,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, and to request that the same be laid before Congress for favorable consideration.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

F. A. WALKER,
Commissioner.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Estimate of appropriation required to defray expenses of holding a general council of the Cherokee, Creek, Seminole, and Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians, in the Indian Territory, as provided by the treaties with said tribes in the year 1866.

For this amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to defray the expenses of a general council of certain Indians in the Indian Territory, as provided by the 12th article of the treaty with Cherokees, of July 19, 1866; the 10th article of the treaty with Creeks, of June 14, 1866; the 7th article of the treaty with Seminoles, of March 21, 1866; and the 8th article of the treaty with Choctaws and Chickasaws, of April 28, 1866..... \$14,000